Amendments to the Specification

At page 27, lines 28 to 34, please replace the three subparagraphs beginning with the words "(ix) pyrid-2-yl optionally substituted at the 5 position" with the following three amended sub-paragraphs:

- (ix) 5-chloropyrid-2-yl-pyrid-2-yl-optionally substituted at the 5-position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R1;
- (x) <u>pyrid-3-yl</u> or 6-chloropyrid-3-ylpyrid-3-yl optionally substituted at the 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;
- (xi) benzofur-2-yl, 5-chlorobenzofur-2-yl, 3-methylbenzofur-2-yl, 5-methylbenzofur-2-yl or 6-methoxybenzofur-2-ylbenzofur-2-yl-optionally substituted at the 3-position by amino, hydroxy, halo, alkyl, carboxy, cyano, amido, aminoalkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio and at the 5 or 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁₊;

At page 28, line 11, please replace the sub-paragraph beginning with the words "(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl," with the sub-paragraph:

(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl, 2-amino-3-fluorophenyl, 2-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 2-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 2-amino-3-bromophenyl, 2-amino-3-nitrophenyl, 2-amino-4-nitrophenyl, 3,4-dimethoxy-5-aminophenyl, 2-amino-4-methylphenyl, 2-amino-3-methylphenyl, 2-amino-3-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-diaminophenyl, 3-amino-4-fluorophenyl,

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3-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 3-amino-4-bromophenyl, 3-amino-4hydroxyphenyl, 3-amino-4-carboxymethylphenyl, 3-amino-4methylphenyl, 3-amino-4-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4fluoro-3-cyanophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-hydroxphenyl, 3-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-chloro-2hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3methylphenyl, 4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4bromo-3-methylphenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 2-cyanophenyl, 3cyanophenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, 3-cyano-5-aminophenyl, 2hydroxphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-hydroxphenyl, 3hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl, 3,4dihydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 4difluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxphenyl, 4trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 4methoxycarbonylphenyl, 4-acetoxyphenyl, 4methanesulfonylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 3-methyl-5-aminophenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 4-vinylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxy-3-chlorophenyl, 4-methoxy-3methylphenyl, 3-methylaminophenyl, 4-methylaminophenyl, 4ethylaminophenyl or 2-aminomethylphenyl;

At page 34, line 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a reducing agent, such as sodium cyanoborohydridecyanobrohydride. Convenient solvents include alcohols, such as methanol, optionally with a halogenated hydrocarbon as solvent, such as 1,2-dichloroethane, and acetic acid. The coupling is conveniently effected at a temperature in the range of from 0 to 100°C.

At page 35, line 12, please replace the paragraph beginning with the words "Compounds of formula (16) . . ." with the

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following amended paragraph:

Compounds of formula (16) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (14) with a compound of formula (17)

under amide bond forming conditions. The reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of <u>diethyl</u> <u>cyanophosphonatediethyleyano-phosphate</u>. Convenient solvents include amides, such as dimethylformamide. The temperature is conveniently in the range of from 0 to 100 °C.

At page 36, line 27 to page 37, line 6, please replace the paragraph beginning "Alternatively compounds of formula (20) . ." with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, compounds of formula (20) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (18) with a compound of formula (21a)

$$HOOC-(CH)_{C-1}X'$$

(21a)

in which X' is a <u>halogen hydrogen</u> atom, such as bromine, followed by reaction with a compound of formula (21b)

 HR_{C}

in the presence of a strong base, such as sodium hydride.

At page 133, line 29, please indent the paragraph.